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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A connector ~~which comprises~~comprising multiple signal-line terminals spaced laterally from each other, an insulative housing holding each of the terminals, and a metal shell covering the housing ~~and which connects~~for connecting multiple signal-line conductive portions ~~provided on one surface of an object to be connected to each of the terminals and connects~~for connecting a grounding conductive portion ~~provided on the other surface of the object to be connected to the shell, characterized in that the shell is formed so as to cover~~covering a top surface, a bottom surface and two side surfaces of the housing, ~~and there is provided a grounding contact portion which comes into contact with~~for connecting the grounding conductive portion of the object to be connected on the top-surface side or the bottom-surface side of the shell, the housing including a press-fit portion into which part of the shell is press fitted, and a protruding piece which extends back and forth in the housing, the press fit portion being press fit between opposed surfaces of the protruding piece and the top surface side or the bottom surface side of the housing.

2. (Currently amended) The connector according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the grounding contact portion is formed in multiple places in the width direction of the shell.

3. (Currently amended) The connector according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the grounding contact portion is formed by cutting part of the shell upward.

4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Currently amended) The connector according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the grounding contact portion is formed by cutting part of the shell upward.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (New) A connector for connecting a flexible flat cable or a flexible printed circuit to a circuit board, the flexible cable or flexible printed circuit including plural spaced longitudinal conductors on a first exposed side and a ground conductor on a second exposed side, the connector comprising a housing having a top, a bottom and two sides respectively having exterior top, bottom and two side surfaces covered by a grounding and electrically shielding shell, a front side of the housing being open for enabling the flexible cable or flexible printed circuit to be inserted through the front side for respectively engaging elastic contacts on a plurality of terminals, the plurality of terminals being fixedly mounted in side-by-side relation in the housing between the two sides of the housing, each of the terminals including, a portion for connection to the circuit board, the shell including plural, fixed grounding contact portions that are generally coplanar and parallel to interior surfaces of the top and bottom of the housing, adjacent pairs of the plural grounding contact portions having spaced edges that extend in the same direction as the sides of the housing, the housing having plural protruding pieces, each located between one of the contact portions and the interior surface of the top or bottom of the housing, the protruding pieces being generally coplanar and parallel to the interior surfaces of the top and bottom of the housing, the plural, fixed grounding contact portions of the shell being press fit between the protruding pieces and the interior surface of the bottom or top of the housing.
9. (New) The connector according to claim 8, wherein the grounding contact portions are formed by cutting part of the shell upward.

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10. (New) The connector of claim 8 wherein the grounding contact portions include portions of the shell that are cut toward the top of the housing.